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The following observations were made at Alt Loennwitz airfield between 20 February and 2 March 1954:

20 February: Between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., local flights were made by Il-10s at altitudes from 300 to 400 meters. The flight time lasted from 15 to 20 minutes. There were no clouds and visibility was limited to 5 km.

21 February: No activity was observed at the field.

22 February. Between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m., the loud noise of engines was heard from the field. Air activity was conducted between 9:10 a.m. and 11 a.m. The aircraft flew only in the vicinity of the field. There was 7/10 overcast at an altitude of 1,500 to 2,000 meters, and good visibility. During the afternoon, air activity was resumed by aircraft which took off individually and practiced formation flying. After a flight time of 20 to 25 minutes, the formations broke up and the aircraft landed individually. The second aircraft touched ground as soon as the first aircraft had rolled to a stop.

23 February. No air activity was conducted. There was a closed ceiling with intermittent rain showers and snow flurries and a visibility of 1 km.

25 February. Between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., only a few take-offs were made by Il-10s which made flights of 20 to 25 minutes duration in the vicinity of the field. The sky was 8/10 overcast and visibility was limited to 3 or 4 km.

26 February. Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. there was no air activity. The sky was 7/10 overcast.

2 March. Between 11 a.m. and 2:15 p.m., take-offs and landings were made by four ground attack aircraft. There were no clouds and visibility was good. Two Il-10s took off at 5 p.m. and practiced flying in an element until about 5:15 p.m.

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Comment. Alt Loennwitz airfield is occupied by a ground attack regiment equipped with about 45 Il-10s. Aircraft of the regiment participated in exercises held by the Soviet Army in the Jueterbog-Brand-Halbe area at the end of February and the beginning of March 1954.

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